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The Honorable Margo K. Brodie United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Harold Mena

Criminal Docket No. 25-CR-139 (MKB)

United States v. Charles Powell, et al. Criminal Docket No. 21-CR-572 (EK)

Dear Chief Judge Brodie:

Pursuant to Local Rule 50.3.2, the government hereby notifies the Court that the above-captioned case ("Mena") is presumptively related to <u>United States v. Powell, et al.</u> ("Powell").

Local Rule 50.3.2(b)(1) provides for a "presumption that one case is 'related' to another when the facts of each arise out of the same charged criminal scheme(s), transaction(s), or event(s), even if different defendants are involved in each case." Local Rule 50.3.2(c)(1) directs the United States Attorney's Office to "give notice to all relevant judges whenever it appears that one case may be presumptively related to another pursuant to Section (b)(1)."

This letter constitutes the notice directed by Local Rule 50.3.2(c)(1). This case is presumptively related to Powell. Specifically, the government has filed 7(b) notice because Mena intends to plead to an information charging him with violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(k) (conspiracy to tamper with witnesses) and 922(g) (felon-in-possession). These charges stem from Mena's efforts to obstruct justice in Powell. As the case is thus presumptively related, the government respectfully submits that reassignment would be

appropriate, as it would likely result in a significant savings of judicial resources and serve the interests of justice.

Respectfully submitted,

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